

THE WASHINGTON DECLARATION

THE BULGARIAN NATIONAL FRONT OF AMERICA, Inc.

A POLITICAL PROGRAM FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION
OF FREE BULGARIA, ADOPTED BY THE SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF
THE BULGARIAN NATIONAL FRONT OF AMERICA, Inc., HELD AT THE HO-
TEL WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON, D.C., MARCH 31, 1963.

THE BULGARIAN NATIONAL FRONT OF AMERICA, Inc.:

Having emerged in conditions of exile as an independent political organization upon the heretage of the national democratic anti-communist formations of the era preceding September 9, 1944;

Cognizant of the great importance of the political ideology as an instrument of the struggle for freedom;

Mindful of the experiences of the Governments and the regimes which have ruled Bulgaria since her liberation (1878) down to the present day in the fields of their foreign, interior, social, economic and cultural policies;

Acknowledging the respective importance of the radical changes forced upon the Bulgarian people by the present communist Government in every area of its national life;

Recognizing the changes effected upon the mind of the Bulgarian people as the result of the established regime;

Taking into consideration the changes in the policies of the great western Powers and the trends of international deve-

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In response to the demands of the new times and to the
ideals of the Bulgarian nation,

P R O C L A I M S

TO THE BULGARIAN PEOPLE AT HOME AND TO THE BULGARIAN PUBLIC
ABROAD

T H E P O L I T I C A L P R I N C I P L E S

THE ORGANIZATION STANDS FOR IN ITS STRUGGLE FOR THE LIBERATION
OF BULGARIA FROM COMMUNIST CAPTIVITY AND IN THE NAME OF WHICH
PRINCIPLES IT SEEKS TODAY, AND WILL SEEK TOMORROW IN FREE
BULGARIA THE CONFIDENCE OF THE BULGARIAN PEOPLE:

I. POLITICAL PRINCIPLES:

1. Liberation of Bulgaria from communist slavery.
2. Establishment of a democratic constitutional paliamen-
tary Government.
3. Freedom and respect for the individual person; invio-
lability of the home; freedom of speech, press, orga-
nization, assembly, religion; equality before the Law
for all Bulgarian citizens - irrespective of race, re-
ligion, economic status and origin.
4. Moral recognition and material compensation for all
those who have suffered the communist terror.

II. ECONOMIC PRINCIPLES:

A. Agrarian policies:

5. Right to private property over the cultivable land.
6. Immediate dissolution of the collective farms.
7. Restitution of the land to the peasants engaged in its cultivation in proportion to the needs of the affected families.
8. State aid for the modernization of the individual farms.

B. Industrial and business policies:

9. National ownership of the large industrial enterprises and of the natural resources.
10. Transition of the small industrial enterprises into the hands of the workers.
11. State control over foreign trade.
12. Full freedom for private initiative in industry, business, the professions and the crafts.
13. Encouragement of the cooperative movement.

C. Labor policies:

14. Just remuneration for all working people.
15. Workers' participation in sharing the profits.
16. Free labor unions.
17. State unemployment insurance

D. Financial policies:

18. Progressive income tax system.

III. SOCIAL PRINCIPLES:

19. Free medical assistance for all Bulgarian citizens.
20. Social Security System for all Bulgarian citizens.
21. Free, guaranteed by the State education for all Bulgarian youths. National scholarship fund for all capable, but unable to finance their full education, Bulgarian youths.
22. State aid for the sciences, arts and sports.

IV. NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PRINCIPLES:

23. The historical yearnings of the entire Bulgarian people for freedom and independence - necessary conditions for political, social, economic and cultural progress - remain the national ideal for future realization.
24. Federation of the Balkan and the European nations based on the principles of self-determination, full equality, independence and internal democratic government.
25. Unity of all Bulgarian political formations in exile for a common struggle for the liberation of the Bulgarian people.

V. GENERAL PRINCIPLES:

26. This Declaration is subject to approval and changes by the first convention of the Bulgarian National Front called on Bulgarian territory - before or after the liberation of Bulgaria from communism.
27. This statement of principles, approved by the Seventh annual convention of the Bulgarian National Front of America, Inc., on March 31, 1963, at Hotel Washington Washington, D.C., will be known as THE WASHINGTON DE-

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